

# MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

DECEMBER 4, 2018

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Councilman Berkemeier arrived later in the meeting. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Cameron moved to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2018 meeting. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We are preparing a RFP for construction oversite of Cherry Street phase 1.
2. City Center has a temporary certificate of occupancy.
3. We have had several meetings regarding the police department roof. We are close to a settlement agreement.
4. On November 26 we met with Intat as a post Japan visit.
5. 28<sup>th</sup> was student in government day.
6. Attended Mayor's institute on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
7. Gave a presentation at the Mayor's institute on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
8. Attended the Fraley & Shilling Christmas party last Saturday. It was very impressive.
9. Attended and spoke at the Richmond council meeting last night.
10. Pavey asked Council if they would approve a letter of support for the Cherry Street phase 3 application. Smith made a motion to sign the letter of support. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried. A resolution will follow.
11. Tim Yazel was sworn in to serve on the Library Board.
12. Pavey introduced the Mayor of Richmond, Dave Snow. Snow spoke briefly about the trip to Japan. Richmond has a sister city in Japan. He said they planted a cherry tree at city hall of their sister city. Indiana is the only state that is home to 3 Japanese auto companies OEN's. They are Honda, Subaru, and Toyota. Snow said it was a fruitful trip. The Governor of Indiana signed a Memorandum of Friendship.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley invited Council to the SBOA Audit Exit Conference on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Smith reminded Council that they need to be prepared to make their appointment to the BZA at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – They are working on bricks for the Main Street streetscape.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron said they have one contract left to sign.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – Pavey reported that the carpet was to come in today. The movie screen will not be in until next Thursday.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Moving forward.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Reviewed the plan layouts for the apartments.
- **ECDC** – McCane said that tomorrow Rush to Work will meet with employers. They will be starting dialog as to what training is needed. Work One will open at the start of the year.

Reminded everyone of the ECDC lunch tomorrow.

The regional partnership meeting was good.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker presented the 911 agreement from the County. He said it was basically the same as last year except for the correct amount is \$102,726.00.

*Councilman Berkemeier arrived 6:24*

Bridges moved to approve the agreement with the correct dollar amount of \$102,726.00. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said they continue cleaning up leaves. They are working on curbs and catch basins. They will probably need to go back over the City in the spring. Smith said he received an email thanking the street department for picking up the leaves.

**Park** – Director reported that they are changing the plan regarding the trees at the CJD Park. They have been told it is not a good idea to plant 21 of the same kind in case one had a disease it would spread and wipe all the trees out. So they have decided to plant a variety. They plan to do a dormant seeding in the next few weeks.

They helped Work One move today. They also helped move some excess items at City Center.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said they did hose testing and found several feet needed to be replaced. Their rescue boat is being repaired.

**Transfers** - Jenkins said the numbers are not performing the way they anticipated. Mayor Pavey said we may want to take a closer look to decide what we want to do. We have done 6 transfers since October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jenkins said he would like to discuss our options with the deputy director and assistant chief. We are using part-time employees for transfers. We may want to consider expanding for dismissals not just transfers. We are currently doing transfers from 8am-8pm not a 24 hours basis.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Sugar Hill Drainage Easements** – Nothing new.
2. **Notice to Bidders City/Fire Farm – Resolution 2018-24** – Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2018-24. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2018-34 Smith Annexation** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2018-34. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Smith abstaining from the vote.
4. **Transfer/Exchange/Disposal of Real Estate – Animal Shelter** - We are working out the exchange with Laker. We will need 2 zoning applications, one for our property and one for Laker's property. Then the lots will need to be subdivided. Cameron made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-21. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **City Council Appointments** – Carmen Clark gave the following names of possible candidates for the BZA Board: Dan Wilson, Joe Jarman, Warren Shuppert, Dan Hedrick, Tommi McGowan. This is a 4 year commitment and needs to be appointed at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Animal Control Ordinances – Updates/Schedules** – Cottrell is working to revamp the entire animal control section. She is reviewing other communities.
2. **Ordinance 2018-37 Rezone 650 VanSickle old Connolly Property** - This was given a favorable recommendation by the Commission. Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2018-37. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **2019 Fuel Bids** – A document was received from Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC, but was not a completed bid. A bid was received from Harvest Land as follows:  
fixed pricing:  
87 octane = 1.92833  
89 octane = 2.14833  
93 octane = 2.30833  
diesel delivered = 2.66164  
  
rack prices variable:  
87 octane = 1.3804 – 0.0380 – change  
89 octane = 1.6004 – 0.0380 – change  
93 octane = 1.7604 – 0.0380 – change  
diesel on road – 1.8135 – 0.0212 – change  
premium diesel – 1.8585 – 0.0212 – change

Smith moved to table for review. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Resolution 2018-22 Temporary Loan to General** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2018-22. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution 2018-23 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2018-23. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance 2018-36 Utility Salary and Wage Schedule for 2019** – Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2018-36. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Amend Utility 52.17** – The Utility has passed a change in the fee structure. We will put this in form for our passage.
8. **Personnel Policy Update – President's Day/Birthday** – The Board of Works voted to update the manual so everyone is off on President's day instead of the Utilities taking off on their birthday.

#### **UPCOMING BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance 2018-35 Amending 2019 Salaries**

2. **Utility Packet** - Mayor Pavey said we will put together a document for meter locations and where we want them also outlining construction meter pits.

**CLAIMS:** Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Mayor Pavey said there has been a utility request from a resident that lives on a cul de sac that wishes to connect to a lot going through another person's property at Lawton addition. This would join them to the City and connect them to our lines for water and sewer. They would install the sewer line. We would need a letter of no remonstrance and the City would not be held responsible. Cameron said we would need an easement. Cameron made a motion to require an easement and to comply with City standards with no remonstrance. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Utilities would like to have permission to test drill on the city property north of the hotel. Conner moved to allow the City Utilities to test drill on this property owned by the City. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cameron reported that there is a drainage meeting tomorrow with the County at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.